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TALKING POINTS: Efforts at Political Reconciliation

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- o It is essential to address the problem of insecurity inside Rwanda - both reality and perception - before moderate political interlocutors can emerge. Full deployment and increased effectiveness of UNAMIR and the human rights monitors is vital to this effort.
 - What else can we do to support this effectiveness?
- o We should also support UN efforts to foster regional cooperation in promoting reconciliation.
 - In that regard, we should press for the holding of the proposed regional refugee conference in Bujumbura by the end of January.
 - While making it clear we do not expect the GOR to negotiate with those implicated in the genocide, we should also encourage political dialogue with moderates inside and outside of Rwanda.
 - We should not, however, condition support for the GOR on willingness to undertake formal political talks at this time.
 - We propose that a UN special envoy be named to help foster dialogue.
 - o This person would not replace SRSG Khan, but would complement his efforts by focusing on longer-term political reconciliation.
 - o In our view, this envoy should be French speaking, not be based in Kigali and have a relatively low political profile.

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- o We should continue to urge the GOR to broaden its political base at national and local levels and accelerate its program of integration of the army and to consider initiating a dialogue with moderates.
-- In recent weeks we have underscored these points personally with PM Twagiramungu and VP Kagame.

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